

Delegate Luke Clippinger  
Chair, Judiciary  
House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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**Re: Support for – HB945 - Criminal Procedure - Sentencing and Disposition - Community Impact Statement**

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing the Edmondson Village Community Association to submit this letter on our views concerning the importance of Impact Statements.

Many of our communities are witnessing a huge increase in crimes. These crimes are committed against not only the victim or victims but the Communities. Many citizens want to live in a somewhat safe environment. We want to know that the Judicial System understands the importance of JUSTICE. When an individual has made the decision to commit a crime against another then these individuals lost their choice to return to normalcy. They have caused severe damage to the Victims and the Community.

For some knowing that an IMPACT STATEMENT can secure their somewhat normalcy is very crucial to our society. Many times criminals are released and they return back to that very same Community with no remorse. These criminals have changed many individuals life's. They need to understand that for every action are consequences whether good or bad. We as a Community need to be able to express what we experienced when these individuals decide to commit crimes against others. We have to conquer safe Communities together.

We ask that the process of submitting IMPACT STATEMENTS during trials remain in place. We as normal citizens have a right to a peaceful lifestyle. No one should ever have to live in fear, not in their homes, not at the work place and not in their own Communities.

Thank You,

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